

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1636**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Kehoe**  
(Coauthor: Senator Alpert)

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An act to add Section 54957.11 to the Government Code, relating to open meetings.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1636, as introduced, Kehoe. Open meetings: closed sessions: assessment.

The Ralph M. Brown Act generally requires that the meetings of the legislative body of a local agency be conducted openly and publicly, but also provides that the legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions for specified purposes.

This bill would provide that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions to conduct an assessment of its performance in governance, practices and procedures, and ethics, provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves business of a specific nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency. The bill also would provide that a closed session held for this purpose may include a person who will conduct an assessment or provide training related to an assessment.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1.   Section 54957.11 is added to the Government  
2   Code, to read:  
3     54957.11.   (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a  
4   legislative body of a local agency may hold closed sessions to  
5   conduct an assessment of its performance in governance, practices  
6   and procedures, and ethics. However, this exception shall only be  
7   applicable if a majority of the members do not discuss, among  
8   themselves, business of a specific nature that is within the subject  
9   matter jurisdiction of the legislative body of the local agency.  
10   (b) A closed session held pursuant to this section may include  
11   a person who will conduct an assessment or provide training  
12   related to an assessment.

